

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings (in the attached Appendix) includes changes to Fig. 1a. This sheet, which includes Figs. 1a-1b, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 1a-1b. In Figure 1a, previously omitted lead line for element 15 has been added.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the interview held on May 25, 2005.

In this Amendment and Response, claims 1, 5, 22, are 23 and currently amended, and claim 8 is canceled. For at least the reasons stated below, Applicant asserts that all claims now are in condition for allowance.

Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner objected to Figure 1a, indicating that element 15 had no lead line. Figure 1a has been amended to include a lead line for element 15.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3 and 9-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Haar et al. In light of the claim amendments made in this Response and the discussion of allowable subject matter below, these rejections are now moot.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 2 and 4-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haar et al. In light of the claim amendments made in this Response and the discussion of allowable subject matter below, these rejections are now moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the most recent Office Action, claims 8, 17-21 and 25 were allowed. In this Amendment and Response, claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations previously recited in claim 8, and claim 8 has been canceled. Accordingly, claim 1 is now allowable. Claims 2-7 and 9-16 all depend, either directly or indirectly, from claim 1 and are therefore also allowable as depending from an allowable claim.

Claims 22-24 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 22, which previously depended from claim 1, has been

amended to include all of the limitations of claim 1, and claims 23 and 24 depend from claim 22.
Accordingly claims 22-24 are now allowable.

Applicant believes that the submission of this Amendment and Response does not generate any new claims or fees. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 04-1420.

This application now stands in allowable form and reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIG. 1b

